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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 15 and new/substitute claims 1 to 9, and please add new claims 16 to 25 as follows:

--16. (New) A fuel injector for use in projecting directly into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine, the fuel injector comprising:

a fuel inlet;

a movable valve-closure member;

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